

THERE SEEMS A MAGIC

Plans Being Made for Return of Holidays in Hurleyville

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE — In a short story published in 1835 called “A Christmas Dinner,” Charles Dickens wrote that “there seems a magic in the very name of Christmas.” The holidays are a time, he noted, when everyone comes together in a spirit that “ought to last the whole year through.”

It is that same holiday spirit that has the residents and business owners from the hamlet meeting of late to plan a return of the popular Holidays in Hurleyville celebration after a one-year absence due to the COVID pandemic.

This year’s festivities are scheduled for Saturday, December 4, with some events continuing the following day, and even beyond.

As has been the case for the past several years, one of the highlights of the celebration will be the ceremonial lighting of the Christmas Tree and the Menorah in the Main Street garden, which will take place around 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 4.

The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre will be hosting Santa Claus throughout the weekend, with appearances scheduled from 3 to 6 p.m. on Friday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 4, and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 5.

The HPAC Cinema will be showing the Walt Disney Animation Studios’ children’s movie, “Encanto,”



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the tale of the Madrigal family, who live hidden in the mountains of Colombia in a magical house, in a vibrant town, in a wondrous, charmed place called an Encanto. Movie times for the weekend are 6 p.m. Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 5.

The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra will also be playing at HPAC on Saturday, December 4, at 6 p.m.

The Sullivan County Historical Society will host a soft opening for its annual

represents that organization or business. Trees can be set up at the Museum on November 26, 28, and 30 and December 4.

The traditional Holidays in Hurleyville History Hike will take place on the Milk Train Trail beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 4. This year, the fifth annual hike will head east, starting from the trail head just off the Main Street parking area. The hike will last about 90 minutes. More details about the History Hike can be found in a separate story in this month’s edition.

The Hurleyville General Store will host a book signing at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 4, with the Sullivan County Historian signing two of his books, “Musk rats, Milkmaids, and Mobsters: A Brief History of Hurleyville,” and “In Further Retrospect.”

On Sunday, December 5, the General Store will host “pictures with Krampus” at 4 p.m.

“Krampus was part of the original folklore involving Sinterklass,” Hurleyville General Store owner Denise Lomobardi explains.

“During the winter solstice, the story was that this duo would go around either rewarding or punishing children depending on the circumstances. I wanted to do something new and unusual for the holidays this year that would be entertaining and this will be actually

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Fallsburg, Monticello Schools

Get Internet Money

Rep. Delgado Delivers Additional

\$1 Million to Upstate Schools

WASHINGTON — Congressman Antonio Delgado (NY-19) has secured an additional \$1 million for upstate schools to connect students with the Internet. Twelve schools across Dutchess, Sullivan, Schoharie, Delaware, Ulster, and Columbia counties, including Fallsburg and Monticello, are receiving grants from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Emergency Connectivity Fund, which Rep. Delgado voted to create via the American Rescue Plan. The funding can be used to purchase devices, establish broadband connections, and help end the digital divide.

Fallsburg received \$81,150.36 in funding, while Monticello was awarded \$157,200.00. “Broadband is a necessity, not a luxury, for our update students,” said Congressman Delgado. “I was proud to support the creation of the Emergency Connectivity Fund, which is delivering over a million in grants to our local schools. Students from Dutchess to Schoharie will have greater access to devices and broadband service thanks to this funding. I will keep working to ensure every upstate school district, teacher, and family has reliable internet access.”

“The Monticello Central School District used Emergency Connectivity Fund monies to ensure that live-streamed remote instruction was possible for all students and staff in the district. Our ECF allocation was used specifically to provide instructional staff with updated

laptops. This allowed us to use other federal and state resources for internet hotspots, software, and other devices. We are most appreciative of Congressman Delgado’s continued support of our students and community,” said Monticello Central School District Superintendent Matthew T. Evans, Ed. D.

“The Fallsburg Central School District owes Rep. Delgado a special debt of gratitude for working hard to get us American Rescue Plan funding. This funding stream is allowing us to provide opportunities to our students and school community that we would not have otherwise had an opportunity to provide during a normal budgeting process,” Fallsburg Central School District Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz said.

One other school district in Sullivan County, Sullivan West, was awarded funding, receiving \$46,263.25.

The Emergency Connectivity Fund program will provide funding for eligible equipment and services received or delivered between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022. The funding is available for the purchase of laptops and tablets, Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, routers, and broadband connections for off-campus use by students, school staff, and library patrons in need, and is available to support off-campus learning, such as homework and virtual learning as schools continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO
A visit to the Smith Hill Cut will be one of the highlights of the fifth annual “Holidays in Hurleyville History Hike.”

HURLEYVILLE HISTORY HIKE RETURNS

County Historian Leads “Saunter” on December 4

by Win Hadley

HURLEYVILLE — Plans are complete for the fifth annual Hurleyville History Hike, which will again take place as part of the “Holidays in Hurleyville” festivities scheduled for Saturday, December 4.

This year’s hike will take place at 11 a.m. and will once again be led by Sullivan County Historian John Conway. It will leave from the parking lot on the east side of Main Street and head toward South Fallsburg.

“It’s exciting to again be part of the Holidays in Hurleyville festivities after all of the events were cancelled last year because of COVID,” Mr. Conway says. “I hope people are even more anxious than usual to do another walk.”

This year’s hike will include stories about the railroad’s impact on Hurleyville, including its role in the development of the resort industry and dairy farming in the region, as well as a discussion of the background—and the aftermath—of the horrific 1907 train wreck.

“We will be gathering by the basketball courts just off Main Street, and after a brief introduction, heading east,” Mr. Conway says. “We will be visiting the famous Smith Hill Cut, which we’ll discuss in some detail, and hopefully getting a bit beyond that, then returning. It will be a nice and informative hike.”

As always, Mr. Conway is quick to clarify the use of the term “hike” to describe the annual journey.



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Recreation Team member Sam Rose (right) oversees an apple cider pressing activity.

BUILDING A BETTER WORLD TCFD Rec Team Creates Opportunities

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE — With the addition of the new Homestead Collaborative College High School at 202 Main Street in Hurleyville, the Center for Discovery’s Recreation Team moved out of the building to make room for the new community students. It’s a win for everyone, as this integral team will soon have a new accessible woodshop in the Bicycle Kitchen building behind the school.

The Recreation Team, led by director Sam Rose, is one of those groups that is pivoting and adjusting while continuing to offer productive and enriching seasonal activities to residents. The Recreation Team is part of Integrated Arts at The Center

for Discovery, which, along with music therapy, dance and dramatic arts, creates activities for TCFD residents that help to connect them to the local community while building a sense of identity.

The Recreation Team designs and adapts exciting experiences that would challenge anyone — boating, kayaking, skiing, snow shoeing, camping and woodworking, to name a few. All require intensive planning and staffing to maximize the important benefits that residents receive from these activities. Personal achievement helps build a sense of identity and increases overall happiness for any person, but it is vital for TCFD residents to explore, learn and grow, especially since so many barriers exist for them to participate.

It is a feat to simply house and care for this population, but TCFD is committed to removing barriers and opening up the world to them.

The Recreation Team executes as many indoor activities as outdoor in a variety of locations across TCFD’s many campuses. In September and October, getting residents outdoors for bike riding happens often, along with apple picking in the orchards, cider pressing and then making both apple cider and vinegar. A TCFD sugar house contains a commercial cider press, but small, portable presses are taken to residences and indoor community spots around the agency for recreational cider making.

November brings preparation for Thanksgiving and

the winter solstice celebration that includes a beautiful luminaria that lines the eastern side of the Hurleyville Rail Trail. Using hundreds of recycled one-gallon plastic jugs filled with sand to hold candles, maintenance and replacement of jugs is a busy activity that needs lots of indoor space for residents to remove labels, cut windows and add sand ahead of the December 21 event.

Sam Rose advocated for and established an accessible wood shop inside the THINC building that was well-used by staff and residents alike. It was home to countless projects, including prop making for several musical productions, and ornament making for the big holiday tree in the center of Hurleyville. TCFD residents visited the

wood shop for sessions with Mr. Rose, making useful and functional items while learning. For every woodshop project, Mr. Rose plans the work that residents can safely complete. Sometimes, that work is painting, learning how to pre-drill holes for finishing nails, or using a nail gun, with assistance, for the first time. For residents in day-habilitation programs outside of Hurleyville, he delivers work kits like paint and trim wood, so that more students can be involved with a project.

So, if you come out on December 4 for the tree lighting ceremony, or walk the rail trail luminaria on December 21, say hello to our neighbors and TCFD residents, and thank the Recreation Team for their heartfelt work.

Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



HURLEYVILLE - SULLIVAN FIRST

The members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First are still busy working on projects to make Hurleyville more beautiful.

Updated historical and informational panels are ready to be placed in the newly repaired historical kiosk at the Hurleyville Firemen's Park. New larger weather-proof cabinets are ready to be installed soon at the Little Free Library at the Hurleyville Firemen's Park.

Barrels and planters will be made ready for winter this month.

Please visit www.hurlevilleny.com for more information about Hurleyville-Sullivan First. You can also visit Hurleyville-Sullivan First on Facebook.

HURLEYVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the church will be open on Thursday, November 11 and on Thursday, November 18 from 3 until 5 p.m. Food for Thanksgiving will be distributed on a first come, first served basis on November 18. Anyone who is not vaccinated should wear a mask when visiting the food pantry.

Sunday services at the church begin at 9 a.m. Children of all ages are invited to attend Sunday school at the church during services.

Pastor Jorge is delivering sermons online on Facebook at 11 a.m. on Sundays.

The Bible study group meets in the sanctuary at the church every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Fully vaccinated churchgoers do not have to wear a mask in the church.

You can pray with others over the phone on the church's prayer line on Sundays from 7 to 8 p.m. The prayer line phone number is 605-472-5491 and the access code is 251678.

"Messy Church" has started again. The next date is Saturday, November 6.

Youth Group meetings and the women's group meetings are still cancelled for now.

Please call Katrina at 845-436-7942 for more information. You can also get updates at the church's page on Facebook.

THE SULLIVAN COUNTY MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Sullivan County Museum is open. Visitors are welcome and the archives are open for research.

Guided tours (behind the scenes and regular exhib-



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"Messy Church" has started again at the Hurleyville United Methodist Church.

its) are available on Saturdays at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m., and on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. There is no charge for the hour-long tour, but registration is required. Please call 845-428-3111 to register.

The Sullivan County Historical Society will open its annual Holiday Theme Tree Exhibit at the museum on Sunday, December 5. The event will feature holiday-themed trees decorated by individuals and organizations. The trees can be set up between November 26 and December 4. Please call 845-434-8044 for information on setting up a tree.

Donations to the museum and the historical society are welcome. Support is always needed for the ongoing increase in the amount of funds needed to operate the museum.

Anyone interested in genealogy and the history of life in Sullivan County can send an email to info@scnyhistory.org for information on volunteering at the museum.

Please call the museum at 845-434-8044 or email info@scnyhistory.org for more information or to schedule group tours.

The museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, is open on Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Per Sullivan County guidelines, visitors to the museum are required to wear masks.

Visit the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum on Facebook or at www.scnyhistory.org.

COLUMBIA HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE (CHNA)

The CHNA steering committee meets monthly to prepare for the next appearance of the Gan Eden Estates project on the agenda of the Town of Thompson Planning Board.

There were reports in August of a crane truck entering the site of the proposed project. It was later discovered that the crane

truck was used to install water pump(s) in the four wells there. The next week, a trailer-loaded generator was seen being used to conduct water pumping tests on the wells. Neighboring residents who were negatively impacted by previous tests were not notified that the pumping tests were going to be done. Were the tests a redo of the flawed 72-hour pumping tests performed several years ago, or were they conducted to determine potential yield again? The validity of the tests to determine capacity for future use by the proposed high-density project is called into question by having them done during one of the rainiest summers on record.

The last site plan submitted by the owner, Atlantic Development Corp. of Suffern, New York, called for the building of 89 structures with 6 town houses in each structure (a total of 534 units), a community center, basketball/tennis courts, 1,100 parking spaces and four miles of paved roads on the 134 buildable acres of the property.

The members of CHNA and the community have voiced many concerns. Among them are:

- water supply
- storm water runoff
- wastewater treatment plant and discharge
- traffic
- noise pollution
- light pollution
- electric grid capacity
- 110-foot 400,000 gallon on-site water tank

The full build-out of the development means the possibility of more than 3,000 residents on Columbia Hill, forever changing the bucolic character of Columbia Hill and Hurleyville.

The developer has not yet returned to the Thompson Planning Board for site plan approval, nor has the developer secured any of the multiple permits needed to proceed, but the members of CHNA feel it could just be a matter of time before the approval process starts again.

The members of CHNA continue to monitor the dramatic increase of rapid and questionable over development in the area of Huschke Road and East Mongaup Road.

Visit CHNA at www.columbiahill.org and on Facebook to learn how you can help to protect your environment and your community by demanding responsible and sustainable development.

Teamwork Flourishes at FCSD

FALLSBURG – The Fallsburg Central School District Wellness Committee is an energetic group of school and community members dedicated to the well-being of students and staff.

Whenever Committee Chair Suzanne Lendzian has a project to implement this vision, volunteers raise their hands eagerly. On October 8, five people joined her to paint the blacktop on the basketball court in the front field of Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES).

Last year, these same volunteers and others painted the early childhood playground. Their experience with stencils provided by group members SueAnn Boyd and Bee Moser from Sullivan County Cornell Cooperative Extension helped the work go smoothly. This year, the stencils were loaned out to Tri-Valley School District, and SueAnn and Bee,

along with Suzanne and Fallsburg teachers Amber Smith and Vanessa Marsilio, had to use ingenuity to create their own stencils.

They had a design laid out on paper, and they discussed the different shapes and words and how best to make them happen. It was wonderful to watch the teamwork unfold as the work progressed. People were focused, and, yet, each team chatted about the designs, about their children, about their dogs. Here was an example of a high-performance team in action.

At the end of a few hours, the project was complete and Suzanne took a selfie of the group with some of the designs in the background. Soon, the students at BCES will be enjoying the exercises and following the written word activities that the Wellness Committee has painted so carefully.



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Left to right are SueAnn Boyd and Bee Moser from Cornell Cooperative Extension, BCES Physical Education teacher Vanessa Marsilio, FCSD Wellness Committee Chair and Athletic Director Suzanne Lendzian, and Life Skills Class Teaching Assistant Amber Smith.



THE TROOPS

Years ago there was the draft
Boys and men were called to serve
They received a 1-Y card
Left home with stomachs full of nerves

But the draft no longer exists
An incredible thing then occurred
All of the military services gained
Enlistees who gave their word

To serve country and mankind
And do the best that they are able
Resulting for many family and friends
Empty seats at the dinner table

How do we show our gratitude
To those who've gone to war?
The very ones who've kept us safe
Men and women who courageously wore
Uniforms of the Coast Guard, the Air Force and the Marines
The Navy and Armed Forces who know what "war is hell" really means

We'll never show enough gratitude
For the sacrifices they've made
Let's honor them now and forever
And not let their memories fade

- Mimi
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The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

There is so much happening with artist friends of mine from all over that I've decided to devote this column to their works.

My New Jersey friend, WHEELER ANTA-BANEZ, has just released another book, a pictorial of the sights he came across as he walked the abandoned rail tracks of New Jersey entitled WALKING THE NEWARK BRANCH. I thoroughly enjoyed his THE OLD ASYLUM AND OTHER STORIES, which was borne out of his many trespassing ventures into the abandoned OVERLOOK ASYLUM in Cedar Grove New Jersey which was not too far from where I lived in New Jersey.

The asylum – or hospital, which is how they wish it to be known-- has now been razed. Wheeler's book is kind of spooky, sad, but always intriguing. His 13 FROM THE SWAMP explored the tales from Passaic River lore. I lived across the street from that river. What I really like about his books is, you don't have to have lived in the Garden State to enjoy them. And even if I didn't know him, I'd be buying these books. You can find them on Amazon.

My very dear friend, CHARLES E. GERBER, whom I met when I lived in Manhattan, only to find that we had traveled in the same circles when we both lived in Chicago but had never met, has a new review for SPLASH MAGAZINES. His latest review is of the recently restored HESTER STREET, restored in 4K by the Cohen Media Group which opened at THE QUAD at 34 w 13th Street in Manhattan and the NUART in Los Angeles October 1 for a limited run. SPLASH MAGAZINES is an Arts magazine (not to be confused with the magazine by the same name which deals with all sports in water), is strictly digital, and can be found here: <https://splashmags.com>

And now a little closer to home, our own JIMMY DIPRIMA, harp (harmonic) player par excellence, is also a terrific song writer. You may remember me talking about a song he'd forwarded to me in its raw form to get my opinion. And if you know Jimmy, he has a great sense of humor. The song, STEAK TO BOLOGNA, was released this week by the C.D. Brothers, and is available on Spotify, Apple Music, iTunes, and Shazam. If you need a smile, give this a listen.

You may have to shell out a bit of cash for the full 4.3 minutes, but I guarantee you won't be disappointed. Get a taste for free at distrokid.com.

There is a rather important musical group coming to the Casino on October 30. They're called the MIDNIGHT CALLERS. I don't know much about them except they have a recording contract and that they are friends of a good friend who turned me on to them. The last time a performer who was under contract came through here was the great MURALI CORYELL who performed at the HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL OF GRAHAMSVILLE the summer before COVID. So, I'll

be heading there (\$20 bill in hand for the slots because...well, you just have to).

New York State has a new and improved COVID information website. It's very user-friendly, and it was easy to find the percentage of vaccinated per hamlet. As of last week, Hurleyville was only at 36%. Pretty dismal. I'm well aware that one cannot change the minds of those who are adamant, so just please, take all the precautions you can to keep yourself and your loved ones safe. This thing is NOT over.

Stay well, stay safe and stay masked! Until next time...

FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



CLOUD SEEDING



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A cloud seeding drone.

Cloud seeding is a weather modification technique that improves the cloud to produce rain or snow by adding condensation nuclei to the sky for the snowflakes or raindrops to form.

Cloud seeding is used all over the world for enhancing snowfall and increasing mountain snowpack and supplementing the natural water supply available to the communities of the surrounding areas. Cloud seeding also halts thunderstorms by utilizing dry ice to change the thunder cloud to a snow cloud. Cloud seeding might also reduce lightning intensity and frequency.

Cloud seeding can be done by either ground based generators or aircraft such as small planes, rain rockets, or drones. Weather modification drones are more efficient and flexible, with longer endurance and lower costs. In one region of China, which has become a leader in cloud seeding tech-

nology, weather modification operations are expected to increase annual rainfall by 15 per cent.

Most cloud seeding operations use a compound called silver iodide (AgI) to aid in the formation of ice crystals. Silver iodide exists naturally in the environment at low concentrations, and is not known to be harmful to humans or wildlife. Silver iodide acts as a condensation nuclei to aid in the formation of snowflakes.

During dry winters, when storm systems are absent for long periods, cloud seeding cannot occur, because it requires the presence of moisture filled clouds to be successful.

In the 1940s, some summer cloud seeding projects seeking to end drought like conditions in New York City angered officials in the Catskills who felt that such efforts were harmful to their tourism industry.

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SULLIVAN GRANTED OFFICIAL MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS STATUS

Hundreds of Volunteers Already Involved

LIBERTY — As COVID-19 made clear, it takes a community to battle a pandemic. And Sullivan County plans on keeping that powerful force at the ready.

"We were looking to initiate a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) before coronavirus hit, and that desire turned into action — as the virus rolled across the County, our volunteers rolled too, providing much-needed support to our nurses and other County employees,"

Public Health Services Director Nancy McGraw recalled.

"So we submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to form an official MRC. We just received word that our application has been accepted," she added.

The MRC program was established to provide a way to recruit, train, and activate medical and public health professionals and

other volunteers to respond to community health needs during disasters and other public health emergencies. The Sullivan County MRC will continue doing what its volunteers have already been doing "unofficially": assisting at COVID-19 vaccination clinics, delivering supplies where needed, and providing critical education to the public.

As of the end of this summer, 354 volunteers with Public Health Services had

given 11,653 volunteer hours, mostly at 49 community COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Some handled paperwork, others directed participants to the correct location, and those licensed as LPNs, EMTs, RNs or MDs took on medical duties, including administering vaccines.

"They were incredibly helpful during the entire extent of the crisis," Ms. McGraw said, "and we will continue to rely on them

to step up to the plate anytime and anywhere they're needed as we roll out booster doses and as COVID-19 vaccines are approved for children ages 5-11 years old. In addition, we will be reaching out to current MRC members soon to develop additional trainings and MRC volunteer opportunities for area residents."

For more information or to join the MRC, visit <https://sullivanny.us/Departments/PublicHealth/>



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO
Nancy McGraw

clinicvolunteer or email VolunteerMRC@sullivanny.us

Still Time for Monticello Kiwanis Dinner

MONTICELLO — In light of the continuing Covid situation, the Kiwanis Club of Monticello has once more made their Annual Bernie Shore/Rose Raimond Fundraising Dinner available at a time of the ticket buyer's choosing from Yanni's Café on Pleasant Street in Monticello. Tickets are \$20 each, which entitles the buyer to dinner platter choices of Hot Open Roast Beef, Grilled Chicken, Gyro Platter or Vegetarian Crepe. Included are choices of soup or salad as well as two side dishes and dessert. Dinners can be socially distant "eat in" or "take out" at the window by ordering ahead. Tickets must

be purchased in advance and are valid from Oct. 15, and must be redeemed no later than Dec. 15, 2021.

Tickets are available by contacting a Monticello Kiwanis member or by mailing a check made out to Kiwanis Club of Monticello, P.O. Box 413, Monticello, NY 12701.

All proceeds benefit charitable projects in the community helping the Kiwanis Club fulfill their mission of "serving the children of the world, one child and one community at a time".

For further information on obtaining tickets, contact Marvin Rappaport at 845-701-1655.

Congressman Meets with Fallsburg High School Students, Faculty, and Staff

FALLSBURG — Congressman Antonio Delgado (NY-19) met with students, faculty, and staff at Fallsburg High School in October. Congressman Delgado toured the school with Fallsburg Central School District Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz, Fallsburg High School Principal Kyle Roddey, and Student Government Association President Emily Collura. The Congressman also answered questions from junior and senior students.

"It was great to speak with Fallsburg high school students about my pathway to public service and work to represent New York's 19th Congressional District," said Rep. Delgado. "I want to thank Superintendent Dr. Katz, Principal Roddey, Student Government Association President Collura, faculty, and staff

for sharing their experience during COVID-19 with me. As we recover from the pandemic and begin to rebuild, we must invest in education and set our students up for success."

"We are so grateful for Congressman Delgado taking time from his schedule to visit with our students. He provided students with an impactful message and we are always happy for our students to see government in action," said Principal Roddey.

"The Fallsburg Central School District is always happy to invite our lawmakers to visit our schools to see how and what we are doing for our kids. Visits like this are important so that our leaders get first hand knowledge about our school improvement efforts," said Superintendent Dr. Katz.



PHOTO PROVIDED
Congressman Delgado (second from left) with Fallsburg High School students.



Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

Autumn, according to the climate scientists, is shrinking as extreme weather reconfigures the scale and shape of the seasons. This will mean shorter and less robust autumns. While not the most dire of prognoses facing our planet, it stands as an apt emblem of the many varieties of loss we face.

Sitting on our porch on a quiet Sunday morning, a few days after equinox, it's hard to believe in a future of anemic autumns. The sumac is turning red; the air is crisp enough to fold; all the signs of seasonal repletion are here — the ripeness and swelling and plumping and oozing (Keats is inescapable when it comes to autumn). But isn't the difficulty of believing in such a future precisely one of the conditions that make it more likely to come to pass?

On this day, the work of autumn goes on all around us. I notice the digger wasps gathering on the flat surface of a stone that abuts our porch. There's a gap between the stone and the edge of the porch, and it's there, in the gap, that the wasps seek out their winter quarters. While the birds fly south for winter, these wasps stay put and dig down into earth's hidden places.

We watch them clamor on the stone's mossy top, stirring in the sun with some vespine excitement. They're a non-aggressive species. The males don't sting. We never see them swarm; occasionally one lifts off on a solitary mission of reconnaissance or foraging. Then, all at once, they're gone down the gap, under the stone, and the lively little scene is still again.

A bumblebee comes by and hovers around the gap. Maybe it smells pollen down there. Compared to the sleek ant-like wasps, the bee looks like a cotton

ball with wings. Bumblebees are not the most adept of nest-builders and will look to freeloader in nests built by other insects. The bee weaves back and forth over the stone, then braves it, flying underneath through the gap. A few seconds later it shoots out again and swiftly beelines into the distance. The colony makes short work of repelling intruders. The wasps have their business to attend to, after all; they're busy with the preservation of their kind, which means the preservation of their queen. She will hibernate down there, while most of the males won't survive the onset of winter. Come spring, the queen will give birth to the next generation of digger wasps, and the cycle will start anew.

We get to watch them for a few weeks, until they complete their work and are seen no more. The stone goes mute, with no hint of the vital doings below, in the underworld. Their autumn task has been to prepare for winter, and their descent reminds me that autumn is a season of depletion as well as repletion: the culmination of harvest gives way to stubble and first frost; the plenitude of harvest is stored as provision for the stringent time ahead. You can smell the transition from early to late autumn in the scent of orchards, an odor compounded of sweetness and decay. In late autumn we enter the hour of "the soft-dying day" (Keats remains inevitable). Loss is one of the season's keynotes: things dwindle and drop away; by the end of November, the austerities of winter commence.

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PAPER CLIPS...

by Elaine Corrington



Thanksgiving in Hurleyville

The last two years have been difficult all around the world. We can probably all recall bad times we have experienced, but also knew there were others who had it worse, or a little better, or terrific. Even during world wars, there were countries that were watching what was happening and offering opinions; but they were not directly involved. It was part of the news, not the direct experience for all who read the news, or heard it on radio when the time came; or watched the news on television.

Back then, there were far fewer ways to know or confirm all that might be happening. And then came computers.

Eventually they were available to a large portion of the world population, and fully capable of adding to both the accurate and inaccurate information and multiple interpretations by people who lived in many different daily and life-long realities. There were illnesses that made their way slowly around the world with hits and misses. Changes in transportation made it possible for more and more people to go to unexplored or desirable lands and create new lives, both good and bad. Illnesses and decisions that did not turn out as planned expanded to the new geographical horizons where giving thanks was not always the response. Things could be bad.

I can remember the reality as a child of epidemics of polio, measles, mumps, and chicken pox. Some fathers of kids in my class worked on the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, and their lives or ability to move and breathe independently were lost to these diseases. This was real, and worldwide epidemics began to be acknowledged as a reality we needed to take responsibility to end. How did this happen?

Shortly thereafter, vaccines were produced and all of the students at my school got on school busses and were driven to the Health Department so that we all got the new vaccines, and the

THE KEY TO HAPPINESS

Moving Beyond "Us and them" Feelings

WOODBOURNE — A poll from the U.S. News & World Report shows that more than 80% of Americans believe that our country is severely divided along racial, ethnic, and political lines.

According to acclaimed local author, Dr. Richard Gillett, these divisions between people cause us a great deal of unhappiness. Whatever personal or political adversarial scenario you are involved in, he writes, you have a natural emotional reaction to being in an us-vs-them situation—whatever side you are on—and this emotional reaction costs you your peace of mind.

The good news, says Dr. Gillett, is that even when society is slow to change in the ways it should, we do not have to suffer! In the first season of his new podcast, "SuperPower Curiosity," just published and available now, Dr. Gillett reveals ways we can feel so much better while living in a divided country with its endless political battles, prejudices, and fake news. Season One is based on Gillett's #1 bestselling book and recently published audiobook of the same name: "IT'S A FREAKIN' MESS: How to Thrive in Divisive Times."



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According to Distinguished Professor Allan J. Katz, J.D., former U.S. Ambassador to Portugal, "Richard Gillett... [shows] not only how tribalism is bad for the country but how as individuals we add to our personal suffering. He shows the way each of us can not only feel better but can help us reunite as a community and a country."

"Yes, it's a freakin' mess out there," Dr. Gillett says, "but we don't need to be. And when we're not, we are not only happier; we also have a greater chance of being effective in changing our society for the better."

The purpose of the podcast, says Dr. Gillett, is to

- share radically informative talks and fascinating conversations with out-of-the-box experts.

- explore what happens when we shine the light of our innate curiosity on our own minds, our relationships with each other, and the broader trends in society.

- find the secrets of why we think and feel and act as we do, and how we can develop more inspiring thoughts, more enjoyable feelings and more meaningful actions—whatever situation we are in.

Author, physician, psychiatrist, and podcaster, Dr. Richard Gillett received his medical degree from Cambridge University, England, and is a member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. During the last 35 years, Dr. Gillett has led hundreds of workshops and trainings for teachers and organizations in the U.S., Europe,

and Asia. He has been interviewed multiple times on radio and TV, including on "Good Day New York."

He was also featured in full length articles in "Cosmopolitan," "Men's Fitness" and "Woman's World." Dr. Gillett is the author of two previous books: "Overcoming Depression" (Penguin, sold in nine countries and seven languages) and "Change Your Mind, Change Your World" (Simon and Schuster). In 1991, he settled in New York state, where he was granted residency as a "professional of extraordinary ability" before he naturalized as a U.S. citizen. He currently lives in Woodbourne with his wife, not far from their two sons and their families.

- You can get Dr. Gillett's new podcast through doctor-gillett.com/podcast and his book or audiobook through itsafreakinmess.com.

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From the Firehouse

by Jack Halchak, Past Chief H.F.D.



The Hurleyville Fire Department is always looking for help, to fight fire or support those that do. We even supply all the gear and provide all the training needed, for free. Stop by any Monday night and find out how you can help.

We have had fantastic fall weather, but winter will strike at any time. Are you ready?

You can get storm warnings several different ways:

In the Town of Fallsburg, you can sign up for Code Red and get all the emergency notifications. (public.coderedweb.com) It could be by phone, e-mail, or both.

Another good one is NY-Alert to receive weather advisories (alert.ny.gov).

As you are reading this, you may have or are about to change your clocks (you lose an hour). Check your CO and smoke detectors.

Today, all new or replacement smoke detectors must have a ten-year sealed, non-removable battery. If you have a smoke detector that is ten years old or older, or you if do not know how old, your smoke detector is, you should replace it. If you have a newer one, you can still use it, make sure you replace the batteries. Remember: "Smoke Detectors Save Lives."

By now, all of your heating devices should have been serviced.

There have already been

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at least three fires that involved heating devices.

You should be ready, or getting ready, for the first snowstorm and/or cold snap.

Halloween is over, and we move on to Thanksgiving. If you are thinking about deep frying a turkey (they are great), please be careful. We have at least a couple of fires a year from fryers falling over. Put your fryer on a level, noncombustible surface, not inside or on your back deck.

Remember cooking fires are the number one cause of residential fires, so do not leave your cooking unattended.

The call volume in the County is still extremely

high. There have been a number of large structure fires this past month involving multiple companies.

I have been on some calls where the house number was not posted. Many of us get our mail in the post office, not at a physical address. Unfortunately, with a structure fire you are easy to find. What about a medical emergency? There are no physical signs to indicate where your house is, or if you need a police agency. Help all emergency services by posting your 911 house number in front of your house. The numbers should be at least three inches tall, reflective, and posted in front of your house. This is

especially important if your mailbox is across the street from your house.

Now would also be a good time to check your homeowner's insurance. Make sure you have the coverage that you need. How about you renters out there? Do you have renters' insurance? A fire can leave you with nothing. The proper insurance can help you get back on your feet. I have been to a number of fires where the homeowner and/or renter had no insurance. Your insurance can help with not only your possessions, but the clean up after a fire.

Happy Thanksgiving.
Be Safe out there.

Denise Frangipane to Receive 2021 SYDA Foundation Community Service Award

SOUTH FALLSBURG — The SYDA Foundation has announced that Denise Frangipane of Bethel has been selected as the recipient of the 2021 SYDA Foundation Community Service Award. This prestigious award includes a certificate of merit for outstanding service to the Sullivan County community and a monetary gift of \$6,000 to be distributed by the recipient to the charities of her choice.

Since 1986, the SYDA Foundation has sponsored this annual award to recognize and honor local citizens for outstanding community service. The selection committee, comprised of past award recipients and local civic leaders, chose Ms. Frangipane to receive this year's award in recognition of her many years of service to the community of Sullivan County. Her areas of service include environmental protection, advocacy on behalf of women and girls, local historical preservation, beautification and community development.

Ms. Frangipane currently serves as the executive director at Sullivan Renaissance, where she works with her team to support grassroots volunteer efforts to build beautiful, active communities in Sullivan County. In this role, she also helped Sandra Gerry and the Gerry Foundation with the development of Sullivan 180, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of residents of Sullivan County.

In 2000, she began working with the Gerry Foundation as

part of the research and development team for Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, where she saw the project through from groundbreaking to ribbon cutting. During this time, she established the Harvest Festival and worked on the creation of the Museum at Bethel Woods.

Inspired from an early age by her experiences of the natural beauty of Sullivan County, Ms. Frangipane is passionate about protecting the environment. She joined Sullivan County Environmental to successfully oppose a proposed medical waste facility in Monticello at a site that is now a senior housing facility. As a member of the Bethel Town Council, she advocated to preserve the health and safety of her community from overdevelopment; helped establish the Forest Reserve at Smallwood with a permanent conservation easement; and worked with her colleagues to pass a ban on heavy industrial uses, which included damaging drilling practices.

After graduating from the Duggan School and Monticello High School, Ms. Frangipane attended SUNY Binghamton, where she became involved with issues related to safety for women and children. She returned to Sullivan County after graduation and volunteered with a crisis hotline and was an advocate with Safe Passage, which provided services to survivors of domestic abuse. She also worked for the Center for Discovery and for Catholic Charities in a group home for girls. Later, Denise was appointed by the Sullivan County Man-



PHOTO PROVIDED

Denise Frangipane

ager to develop systems and policies that improved access to the Division of Health and Family Services, including programs for pregnant and parenting teens.

She also serves on the board of the Catskills Food Hub, as a member of the board of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sullivan County, and as a trustee on the board for the Museum at Bethel Woods.

She resides in Bethel, New York, with her husband, Dr. William Pammer, and their nine-year-old son, Ian. Her parents, Al and Maria Frangipane, were recipients of the 2013 SYDA Foundation Community Service Award.

Due to ongoing pandemic concerns, the SYDA Foundation Community Service Award will be presented in a virtual format this year. The virtual award presentation will take place on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 10:15 a.m. To request the link to participate, please email csa@syda.org.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

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October 31, 1941 SUPPORT GOOD GOVERNMENT

Re-elect Mortimer Michaels Democratic Candidate for Supervisor, Town of Fallsburg 1940 – 1941 Achievements:

1. Adoption of budget Plan and abolition of Fee System
2. Reduction in Taxes from Rate of \$12.59 per \$1,000 Assessment in 1939 to \$11.29 per \$1,000 in 1940 or a saving of 12%.
3. Adoption of Bid System on all purchases in excess of \$500.
4. Reduction in Purchase Price of Road-Tars and Oils.
5. No unfunded Debt and no outstanding Certificates of Indebtedness or Claims against the town.
6. Adoption of County Self Insurance Plan. Saving of Approximately \$2,500 yearly on Compensation Insurance.

SEEKS RE-ELECTION ON PAST RECORD

"More roads for less Money." That is the by-word of the campaign for re-election of Roy T. Clark for superintendent of highways. In his past six years in office, Mr. Clark had, with approximately one-third of the appropriation of his predecessors, built at least three times as much improved road as they have. This could have been brought about only by efficient handling of men and machinery, by economy in purchase of materials, and by allowing good honest effort to the job.



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

Sullivan County Sheriff Harry Borden

For the year 1941 alone, Mr. Clark has built 13 miles of road in the Town of Fallsburg, and, when we consider that good roads are the life blood of our community, it behooves every citizen and taxpayer to keep this sterling official in the job where he can serve our interests best.

A vote for Roy T. Clark is a vote for out good welfare and well-being.

AN APPEAL TO VOTERS --- ELECT CAUTHERS

If you elect Charles Cauters as Road Superintendent for the Town of Fallsburg, you will have chosen a man well qualified and experienced in the work of road building. He has served as Road Commissioner for the Village of Woodridge for over six years.

Mr. Cauters is the Republican Candidate for Road Superintendent. He is running a clean campaign and has made no derogatory statements con-

cerning his opponent. All who know "Chill" know an honest man, a willing worker, and a man with good business ability.

Mr. Cauters, a resident of Woodridge since his birth on the John Cauters farm, is one of the most capable men for the position. He is a man who knows hard work and will not shirk any duties that may come his way.

Mr. Cauters has pledged himself to a program of serving all people in the Town of Fallsburg to the very best of his ability

November 7, 1941 FOUR INCUMBENTS RETURNED TO OFFICE IN COUNTY ELECTION

G.O.P. Retained Majority on Board of Supervisors

Voters of Sullivan County re-elected the four incumbents of county offices and the Republican majority on the Board of Supervisors changed from the 9-6 to 8-7 majority. Largest plurality went to County Clerk J. Bruce Lindsley who won over his Democratic opponent, Frank McKeon of Bloomingburg by 4,955 votes. Mr. Lindsley, returned to office for his fifth term, got 10,823 as against 5,868 for McKeon.

The contest for the office of Sheriff, watched with perhaps the greatest interest by both parties resulted in the return to office of the present Democratic incumbent, Harry Borden, who defeated his Republican opponent, John Baldwin of

Livingston Manor by a margin of 719.

In the Town of Fallsburg which is recognized as a Democratic stronghold, present office holders were swept back into office with substantial majorities with the exception of Sup't of Highways Roy C. Clark who was defeated by Charles Cauters, Republican.

Hyman E. Mintz, whose term of office as magistrate expires this year, was elected to the office of tax collector, while his place on the Town Board will be taken by Monroe Davis, Woodbourne attorney who was elected as town councilman.

In the town of Callicoon, Fred Hessinger, veteran Democratic supervisor was nosed out by a single vote when Walter Weiss, G.O.P. candidate defeated him. In the Town of Lumberland, however, Republican Edward Bisland was defeated by only six votes in a bitterly fought contest with Walter A. Schwartz whom he defeated two years ago by eight votes.

The shifting population of the Town of Neversink was believed responsible for the defeat of Republican Supervisor Robert T. Many by a margin of fifty-two votes less than his Democratic opponent, William Hotchkin. The departure of many old residents whose properties have been taken over by the N.Y.C. water project and the infiltration of a large number of aqueduct workers has changed the political tendencies of the township.

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THE COLUMBIA COP CAPER

Part V

An Original Short Story by Jack Robbin

Fallsburg Constable Bronco Kelly is helping out his old boss, Ben Knapp, owner of the Columbia Farm Hotel, by serving as security for the weekend while the hotel entertains a few hundred New York City cops. Bronco has discovered that the room of wealthy socialite Louise Corning has been broken into, and has notified the New York State Police. Sergeant Tom Mangan and Trooper Bill Elliott are investigating...

State Police Sergeant Tom Mangan was a good man, and a solid investigator, but he had just delivered some news that, although I had been expecting it, I didn't particularly care for.

"I'm going to have to call Sheriff Borden in, so we can make use of a couple of his men," Mangan told me.

Harry Borden had been elected Sullivan County Sheriff in 1935, and we had butted heads on a number of occasions since he had taken office. Although his three-year term would be up soon, and as yet County Sheriffs in New York State were not permitted to suc-

ceed themselves, there were efforts gaining strength in the State Legislature that would change that, so there was a possibility that I'd have to deal with him for a lot longer.

"You've got to do what you've got to do," I told Mangan.

And so, a little less than an hour later, Deputy Sheriff Jay Lass showed up at the hotel. I greeted my old friend outside the main building and led him upstairs to Mrs. Corning's room.

"It's just you, Jay?" I asked. "Nobody else coming?"

The way I heard it was that Mangan told the Sheriff he wanted a couple of men," Lass said. "Harry told him since he already had you helping out he was only going to send him one guy."

"Figures." I said, shaking my head.

Sergeant Mangan met us at the end of the hall, a short distance from the room. He nodded at Jay, who stuck out his hand in greeting.

"Hi Tom," he said. "What's the plan?"

"I've asked Knapp to

have all the guests meet us in the dining room," Mangan said. "Jay, you and Kelly and I will question each of them. You know, try to determine where they were between seven and midnight tonight, if they saw anyone who looked out of place, stuff like that. You both know the routine. Mostly, let's see if anyone gets nervous or looks guilty."

"Okay," Jay said.

"Bill will continue looking for the Corning kid," Mangan continued, motioning toward Trooper Bill Elliott. "And Ben has agreed to let Shorty stay here at the room to make sure no one gets in."

"Sounds good."

"Okay, then. Let's get to it."

All the guests, mostly New York City cops and a smattering of family members, were gathered in the dining room. It was a chaotic scene, and a loud one.

"All right, everyone, listen up!" Mangan shouted as soon as we had entered. And then a second time. "Ladies and gentlemen, can we have some quiet?"

The noise abated just a



When questioned directly, Sgt. Cruckhorn's wife quickly looked away before speaking.

bit.

"My name is Sergeant Tom Mangan, New York State Police. As you might have heard, we had a burglary of one of the guest rooms tonight, and we're trying to find out 'who dun it.' We're going to divide you into three groups and ask you each a few questions about your whereabouts this evening in an

attempt to find out if anyone saw anything out of the ordinary. I thank you all in advance for your cooperation, and I promise you that we will get you out of here just as soon as we possibly can. So please, divide up into three groups, one over there where you will talk with Deputy Jay Lass... he's the tall, thin guy with the slouch hat... another

group over there with Constable Bronco Kelly...he's the giant guy in the blue serge jacket...and a third group over here with me. Split up, now... that's it... Thank you."

The questioning went fairly quickly. Most of the cops were cooperative, those who had family members with them were protective of them, and no one admitted seeing anything unusual that night. I was down to a just a few more folks to talk to when I overheard a man and a woman a couple of places back in the line, arguing with one another.

"Don't say a word," the man told the woman, and that caught my attention. I didn't let on that I had heard, and finished up with the next couple of interviews. Finally, they approached me, the man firmly grasping the woman just above her elbow.

"How are you folks tonight?" I asked perfunctorily, while fully realizing we were well into the morning already. "Can I have your names?"

"I'm Frank Cruckhorn," the man answered quickly.

He was a squat man, with thick black hair, a swarthy complexion and deep set, pale grey eyes. "Sergeant Frank Cruckhorn, 53rd precinct."

"And this is your wife?" I asked.

"Yeah. Millie. Millie Cruckhorn," he said.

"Any other family members here with you?"

"Just..." the woman started to answer, but stopped when her husband squeezed her arm even tighter.

"Just my brother and his wife," Cruckhorn interjected. "He's a Sergeant in the two-seven. I don't see where he is right now, but we came up together."

"That's okay, we'll get all that off the hotel register," I said, watching the woman for a reaction.

"Whatever," Cruckhorn said. "Look, we would love to help you out with this, but we didn't see anything tonight. We was all dancing and then we headed up to the room. Had a nightcap with my brother and his wife and another couple, and were getting ready for bed when we got sum-

moned down here. That's about it."

"That's fine," I said. "Can you just give me the names of the other couple?"

"Oh, sure. They were Sammy Rowe and his wife Nina. They have the room next to ours. He's a transit cop, and we're neighbors in Queens."

"Anything you can add to that?" I asked Mrs. Cruckhorn, looking her squarely in the eyes. She quickly turned away. "Not that I can think of," she said nervously.

"Okay, thanks. Next!"

Does it seem as if Bronco Kelly thinks he might have stumbled upon a lead in the case of the stolen jewels? Find out in the next installment of "The Columbia Cop Caper" in the December edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel. (The story is purely fictional, and this incident never happened. Although the Columbia Hotel and several of the characters are real, no representation is made as to the accuracy of their characterizations here.)

FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Kelly Wells & Amanda Letohic

November is upon us once again, which is the perfect time to express our gratitude to you all! The last two years have been anything but normal, but the continued support from all of you makes us happy to still be here.

We hope that you all have been able to take advantage of some of the increased digital offerings we have been providing as a result of the pandemic, including increased content through OverDrive as well as the Kanopy video streaming services we began to offer back in March to all Fallsburg Library card holders.

An important update we wanted to inform you all of is that OverDrive has decided to discontinue the promotion of their OverDrive app. So what does this mean for you? It means that for your future devices, you will have to download the Libby app to access all OverDrive content. If you already have the OverDrive app on your devices, you can continue using it as of now – it is just not available to download onto new devices. If we get word that that will change,

we will be sure to let you all know!

We are continuing with our "Take and Make" craft kits through the month of November – we have some great ones for the kids this month including Cork Turkeys and Origami Stars and for our adults we will have a MYO Felt Pumpkin centerpiece. Contact Miss Amanda at aletohic@rcls.org or by calling 845-436-6067 ext. 102 to reserve your kits today.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy and healthy holiday season. We hope to see you all soon!

Stay up to date with the latest library updates by following our Facebook page or visiting our website, www.fallsburglibrary.org. It's also getting close to that time of year where the weather may impact our schedule a bit – please be sure to call 845-436-6067 before venturing out on days where the weather is a bit iffy to make sure we're here! As always, thank you for continued support and patience. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without your support. Be well!

HIDDEN TREASURES OF THE CATSKILLS

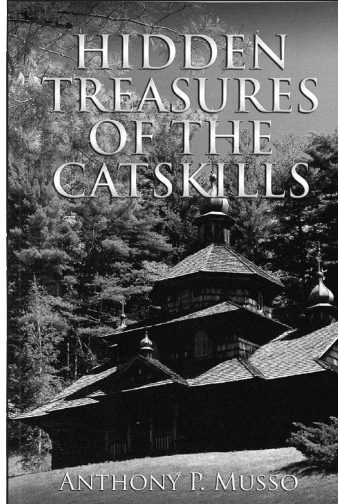
New Program at Time and the Valleys Museum

GRAHAMSVILLE-- An illustrated talk by author Tony Musso: "Hidden Treasures of the Catskills," will be held on Sunday, November 7 at 2 p.m. virtually on Zoom and in person at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville.

New York's Catskill Mountains became a booming summer resort area in the 19th century, and left behind a number of structures that today serve as reminders of an earlier time. Boarding houses and cottages that once attracted tourists from New York City and the elaborate resorts that followed tell the history of a remote region transformed into beloved summer colonies. Learn about a variety of sites which remain under the mainstream tourist destination radar, including Woodchuck Lodge, the boyhood home and final resting

place of renowned naturalist and author John Burroughs, Zaddock Pratt's home in Prattsville, the Delaware and Hudson Canal, ten stone houses that date back as early as 1685 in Kingston, the mill complex of the Hanford family, and many more.

Admission: Members are free, and non-members: \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. In Person attendance is limited to 30 and registration is required. To register, please email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org with your name and number of attendees, and put In Person Registration in the subject line, or call 845-985-7700. To attend the program virtually on Zoom, email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org for the link, and please put Zoom Program Registration in the subject line. Admission price includes admission to



the Museum's three floors of interactive exhibitions.

Connecting Water People and the Catskills, Time and the Valleys Museum is currently open by appointment and during programs. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is a suggested donation of \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

Museum exhibitions are interactive and both fun and educational for all ages:

- *Water and the Valleys*, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- *Tunnels, Toil and Trouble*: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- *1930s Lost Catskill Farm*, a farmhouse, out-house, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.
- *New! One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room* an exhibition on one room schools in the Tri-Valley area.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org

The Art of Being

by Deborah Chandler, Ph.D.

Transformations

Change occurs along two dimensions: horizontal and vertical. Horizontal transformation repeats our mental conditioning, changing things on the surface. Vertical change is a paradigm shift, altering our experience of who we are.

Horizontal change often feels good and can give us a lift, like a new purchase or rearranging the furniture. Vertical change is structural and takes us to a new dimension and initially, can feel uncomfortable.

Dieting illustrates these two dimensions. Horizontal dieting is buying a new brand of potato chips. These new chips might have less salt but eating them will not help with weight loss. Sometimes we think we are doing great things for ourselves when all we are doing is rearranging what we have. With horizontal change we are not altered. We maintain what is familiar.

Vertical dieting would include having an apple, jumping up to a new option. In the new option our relationship to food changes from gratification to self-care. With vertical change we are elevating our experience. Vertical change is driven by our deeper aspirations for inner peace and knowledge of who we are.

Vertical change is often uncomfortable or even disorienting. After making vertical change we need a period of integration to establish our self in the new realm.

If we want to change a habit, it helps to know when we need the stability of staying horizontal versus the challenge of attempting a vertical rearrangement. To stay with the

dieting metaphor, there are times when we crave comfort from food. Sometimes, nothing else will do. But, if we want to weigh less, we shift the balance of our eating choices toward the healthier options, even if not easy.

In psychotherapy, these two dimensions are significant. The function of therapy is to facilitate vertical change. This is a delicate process, of stirring up unfamiliar memories and emotions. When this is happening, there are feelings of confusion and disorientation. While this provocation is occurring, there is a simultaneous need for stability. This movement between disorientation and stability is intrinsic to psychotherapy. Managing this dynamic is essential. Too much vertical change leads to resistance and denial and needs to be soothed with some horizontal integrating and stabilizing.

Any significant progress in skill development follows the same oscillation between horizontal and vertical change. To be a better golfer, household manager, or spouse, we oscillate between these two dimensions.

For me, the magical moments in vertical change occur when I am surprised. I'll have a moment when I am lost in the now, I fold into the moment and lose my sense of individuality. I might be dancing, walking in the woods, or meditating. I am not doing; I am lost in the being. This is a charmed moment of vertical uplift.

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AND WE'RE UNDERWAY! GENERALS HOST TIP-OFF CLASSIC TO OPEN SEASON

by John Conway

LOCH SHELDRAKE – If the seemingly abating COVID virus cooperates, the 2021-22 version of the SUNY Sullivan Generals men's and women's basketball teams will open their seasons this weekend on their home court, as the college hosts three NJCAA opponents in its very own Tip-Off Classic.

Monroe Community College (NY), Montgomery College (MD), and Raritan Valley (NJ) will visit the Paul Gerry Field House to take part in the two-day tournament, which will feature both men's and women's action. Play starts Saturday, November 6 at noon when the women's teams from Monroe and Raritan Valley square off. Men's action will commence at 2 p.m. with the same two schools competing. Sullivan and Montgomery will

take the floor later in the day, with the women playing at 4 p.m. and the men closing out the day with a 6 p.m. contest.

Play resumes on Sunday at 11 a.m. when the Monroe and Montgomery men square off, followed at 1 p.m. by the women's teams from those same schools. Sullivan will then take on Raritan Valley, with the women playing at 3 p.m. and the men at 5 p.m.

The Generals men's team enters the new season with high hopes, coming off a 28-2 record two years ago, which included 18 wins in a row and a perfect 16-0 mark at home. The season culminated in both Region XV and Eastern District championships, and the team likely had a legitimate shot at capturing a fifth NJCAA crown—which would have been their first as a Division II school—but the NJCAA chose not to



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

Sophomore Jalen Reneau returns from the 2019 Generals team that finished 28-2.

hold its 2020 championship tournament because of COVID. Sullivan did not compete at all last year due to the pandemic.

One player, Jalen Reneau, a 5'10" guard from St. Raymond's High School in Manhattan, returns from that 28-2 team.

Sullivan coach Brent Wilson, who captured the NJCAA Region XV Coach-of-the-Year honors as the

result of the 2019-20 team's success, said recently that this year's roster has been bolstered by a number of prized transfers.

"I believe Kareem Welch (Odessa College), Jay Alvarez (Lackawanna) and Sam DeSouza (St. Rose), Daivel Jackson (Hudson Valley CC) and Jarell White (Hinds CC) will all have big years for us. I think a major strength for us is our



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

SUNY Sullivan men's basketball coach Brent Wilson.

size, and depth," he says.

Wilson has compiled a 169-44 record in seven seasons at Sullivan, and his squads have never won fewer than 21 games in a season. In the two years the school has competed at the Division II level, Wilson's teams have gone 50-10.

"We are excited to get the season started," he said in late October. "The guys have been working hard

ever since they got to campus."

Wilson downplayed the significance of the news the Generals had been ranked #8 nationally in the NJCAA's pre-season poll.

"The preseason ranking is an excellent recognition for our program," he told The Sentinel. "However, our kids do realize that is based more on our program's history, not what they have ac-

complished yet. They are working hard to earn their own way and show they belong."

Sullivan Athletic Director Chris DePew echoed Wilson's sentiments about the pre-season ranking, the first time the school has made the pre-season top ten since it moved up to Division II.

"We are very happy about that, but never satisfied," DePew noted "Brent and his staff have brought in a team that we think will compete at a very high level by the end of the season."

Of course, the disappointment of the cancelled national tournament in 2020, especially when the team had built up such momentum, and the loss of last year's entire season, have combined to raise the level of excitement for the team and its coaches every time they take the floor in anticipation of the season opener.

"[We] are just thrilled to

be back on campus with students and beyond excited to have a season," Wilson said. "The last year has been extremely challenging for our student-athletes and having them back in a normal atmosphere has been amazing."

DePew also mentioned Sullivan's women's team, which too is coming off a stellar 2019-20 campaign, but will be playing under a new coach, Ben Newberg.

"We are equally excited about our women's team," DePew said. "Ben and his staff have assembled a very strong team led by returning All-American Infinity Hammonds. Both teams [men and women] should be strong contenders to qualify for the National Championship Tournaments next March."

The Sentinel will have more on the General's women's basketball team in next month's edition.

FIFTY YEARS AGO... *Monticello Booters Vied for Sectional Crown*

by John Conway

It was November of 1971—50 years ago this month—and the soccer team at Monticello High School had high hopes of capturing the school's first Section Nine championship since 1962.

The Monties had fielded some excellent teams over the years-- including the 1967 team which had lost just one regular season game, recording six shut-outs on the year-- but had not come close to capturing

a sectional title in nearly a decade when the 1971 squad recorded 12 regular season wins against a single defeat.

That 1971 team was led by high scoring forward Oscar Rendon, who, according to veteran head coach Ed Kennedy, had accounted for "16 or 18 goals" on the season and line mate Jeff Bulkin on offense and co-captain Vince Dollard and goalie Chris Cummings on defense. Dollard's older brother, Patrick, had been a defensive standout on that aforementioned ultra-

successful 1967 Monticello team.

Following the regular season, which saw the Monties lose an early encounter with Newburgh, and then go undefeated the rest of the way, the teams found itself matched up against perennial powerhouse—and defending sectional champion—Nyack High School in the sectional semi-finals. The game was played at a neutral site, Monroe-Woodbury High School, on what turned out to be a slippery field on a cold Tuesday afternoon,

November 9, 1971. Washingtonville and Clarkstown North High Schools met in the other semi-final game, also played at a neutral site, in Nyack, that afternoon.

Prior to the game, Coach Kennedy gave his squad a good chance of advancing to the sectional finals, although he admitted that "Nyack always has a good club." Recalling the 1962 sectional win, Kennedy told the Times Herald-Record newspaper, "I think it's about that time again. The kids would really like to win this one."

The less than ideal weather and the poor field conditions had a lot to do with the way the game was played

that afternoon—if not with the ultimate outcome—as each team managed just four shots on goal. Monticello goalie Chris Cummings slipped and fell on one of the Nyack shots, and that proved to be the lone score in the game, which the Indians won 1-0, ending the Monticello season.

"Monticello Coach Ed Kennedy was philosophical," the Record reported the next day. "'What can I tell you? We got beat, that's all. I can't fault my team, not at all.'

"The poor field conditions? No, said Kennedy. 'We both had to play on it, right? We just got beat.'"

COMETS FOOTBALL SEASON ENDS ON A HIGH NOTE

by Win Hadley

FALLSBURG – The Fallsburg Comets 8-man varsity football team put up 31 points in their third game of the season, a September 24 win at Eldred, but then lost four games in a row, scoring just 37 points total while giving up 137.

But the Comets ended the 2021 season on a high note on Friday, October 29, racking up 425 yards in total offense in a 34-12 home win over Eldred. Fallsburg finished the season with a 2-6 overall record, 2-4 in league play.

In the season ending win, sophomore Isaiah Young was the offensive standout, accounting for 250 yards in total offense, including 171



yards rushing—in just seven carries. Young scored three times on the ground, and also threw for 64 yards and a score.

Junior Andrew Rein was also an offensive standout for Fallsburg, rushing for 78 yards, and adding another 54 on three receptions. Rein also completed three of five passes for 55 yards and a touchdown.

Rein was a standout on

defense against the Yellow Jackets, too, leading Fallsburg with seven tackles. Young contributed five, while three Comets, juniors Carlos Alvarado and Eugene Johnson and freshman Amari Gibbs had four tackles apiece.

Young finished the season with 441 passing yards, second in conference play to Ellenville senior David McCombs. Young's 549 rushing yards were fourth best in the league.

On the season, three teams, Roscoe/Livingston Manor, Sullivan West, and Ellenville finished with identical 4-1 records in league play, Tri-Valley was 2-3 in conference action, Fallsburg 2-4 and Eldred 0-6.

PLANS BEING MADE

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quite light-hearted."

The event, promoted as "Krampusnacht 2021: An Alternative Holiday Experience," will run from 4 until 8 p.m. Sunday, and will include hors d'oeuvres and beverages, a charcuterie board featuring Casella's Salumi, local and imported gourmet cheeses, kettle corn, soft home baked pretzels, potato pancakes, bratwurst, and sauerkraut. There will also be costume contest in addition to the selfies with Krampyus. More details are available by contacting the Hurleyville General Store.

Other events, including dance performances at Main Street Dance, alpacas

at Fiber on Main, and various pop-up stores, are being discussed.

Traditional Hurleyville holiday events like the "Deck the Doors" decorating contest conducted for more than 25 years now by the Hurleyville-Sullivan First group will take place as usual, with judging scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. on December 16. HSF volunteers say this could be the biggest contest ever, and emphasize that there is

no need to enter...all decorated houses are eligible, as are businesses, which this year will compete for a separate prize donated by Bold Gold Media.

The Center for Discovery's annual Luminaria Winter Solstice celebration will be held on the Milk Train Trail beginning at dusk on December 21.

More on both of those events in next month's edition.

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BALLGAME BAFFLERS

BY BRIAN

Here are five ballgame bafflers for your consideration. The first person to email the most correct answers to hurleysent@hotmail.com will win a prize. Have fun!

November Trivia:

- What are the two NFL home teams who traditionally play every Thanksgiving?
- Who holds the NFL record for the most rushing yards in a Thanksgiving Day game?
- Which two NFL teams have had the most matchups in Thanksgiving Day games?
- What two teams hold the NFL record for most points scored combined in a Thanksgiving Day game?
- Who holds the NFL record for most receiving touchdowns in a Thanksgiving Day game?

Last month's answers:

- What player hit 3 home runs for the Yankees in game 6 of the 1977 World Series? (**Reggie Jackson**)
- What player hit the grounder to first base that went through Bill Bruckner's legs to give the Mets a win over the Red Sox in Game 6 of 1986 World Series to tie the Series 3-3? (**Mookie Wilson**)
- Who is the only pitcher to pitch a perfect game in the World Series? (**Don Larsen**)
- What team has won the most World Series titles? (**New York Yankees**)
- What team has won the most World Series titles for the National League? (**St. Louis Cardinals**)

There was no winner last month.

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